Those Grass Skirt Wearers

We used to work in this place where there were dealings with various financial matters. We used to quite enjoy the various lunchtime banter, with the usually strangely serious (and amusingly ignorant) staff. Oh what fun we had…

One such conversation was about share trading and stock markets and whatnot.
We asserted that we felt that any profits come from somewhere, whether it is laying off staff to increase profits, exploitation of workers in other countries, ripping people of when purchasing stock or resources… whatever, but it comes from somewhere.
At first, the other participant in the conversation refused to go with what we were saying, explaining that profits were due to "good business" and other equally vague reasons. We explained that we were open to the idea that it didn't work they way we were saying, if only someone could explain how it was different to what we were saying.
Eventually he came to agree with us that it was as we said, and that what we were saying *was* the good business practice to which he had referred.
He then went on to explain that the people that we said were being exploited (read that as people who are in low paying jobs, people that can't get a better job, what we think of as cheap slave labour, etc etc) were "the grass skirt" wearers, and that if they couldn't get themselves into an employment/lifestyle position like his, then they were there to be exploited. So remember that people, if you can't lift yourself up, then you are there to be trodden on.

Another conversation was about dairy products (you can see that we were fun to work with, can't you!). We'd had a number of previous discussion about food stuff (well, *so called* food stuffs), mainly for children, and at some point, we announced that we thought that dairy foods weren't actually that great, that there were plenty of other ways to get vitamins and minerals, such as having a good diet. This was met with some shock. So we added something like, don't you think that cow milk is for helping baby cows grow into big healthy cows, like human milk is for helping baby humans grow into big humans. Much to our amusement, this was met with a look of sad sympathy for our apparent ignorance, a slow head shake, and the response, "oh… the dairy industry just say all that stuff to sell milk, do they?", as if that would just be ridiculous.
We just smiled. As you do.